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Entity Status Update

US Patent No. 6.942.796 issued on September 13th, 2005

Dear Sirs:

Pursuant to our recent phone conversation of this day regarding the above-referenced U.S. Patent, please find here enclosed the initial letter that was sent to the USPTO on February 4th, 2005. In this correspondence, it was requested to change the Entity Status from Small to Large. However, as we are about to pay the maintenance fee, we have noticed that the update was not complete on the USPTO web site.

Please find here enclosed a copy of the initial letter sent on February 4th, 2005. <u>Kindly proceed</u> with the update of your registries, in order to reflect the change, since the corporate body is actually a Large Entity.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at the following number: (514) 987-8880 or via e-mail at st-cyr@robic.com.

Yours truly.

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Applicant	Roger Lacasse, et al. March 23, 2001 A Filter Device For Filtering a Liquid	
Serial No. 09/815,857		
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Request to Correct Error in Small Entity Status (37 C.F.R. 1.28(c))

Dear Sir:

The above-identified patent application was filed on March 23, 2001 and allowed on August 20, 2004. At the time of filing, Small Entity Status was claimed and the associated Small Entity Fees were paid. The undersigned hereby states that the claiming of Small Entity Status and the payment of the associated Small Entity Fees were in good faith, but that such was in error. The undersigned request that the error be excused, as the below complies with 37 C.F.R. 1.28(c)(1) and (c)(2), and as the deficiency owed is paid herewith.

Mailing Certificate: I hereby certify that this correspondence is today being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents; Alexandria, VA 22313.

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1. Calculation of Deficiency Owed. The amount which should have been due (for other than a small entity) for filing the application was \$764.00. The amount of the previous erroneous (small entity) fee payment on March 23, 2001 was \$382.00. The amount which is now due for the issue and publication fee is \$1,700.00. The amount of our issue fee payment on November 15, 2004 was \$685.00. The fee paid for filing the application was \$382.00 (\$355.00 filing fee and \$27 for three additional claims). The amount for filing now is \$1,000 basic filing fee and \$150 for three additional claims. On October 21, 2002 a petition with one month time extension was filed and \$110.00 was paid. The cost for a petition is now \$120.00. On April 10, 2003 a Request for Continued Examination was filed and the small entity fee of \$375.00 was paid. The fee for a RCE is now \$790.00 for a large entity.

The total deficiency owed is therefore \$2,208.00.

2. Itemization of Deficiency Payment. Following is an itemization of the deficiency payment, showing the amount which should have been due (for other than a small entity), the amount of the previous (small entity) fee payments, and the deficiency owed for each fee erroneously paid:

Description Of Fee	Fee Due	<u>Fee Paid</u>	Deficiency
Basic filing fee	\$1000.00	\$355.00	\$ 645.00
Total Claims >20	\$ 150.00	\$ 27.00	\$ 123.00
Petition for Time Extension	\$ 120.00	\$110.00	.\$ 10.00
RCE	\$ 790.00	\$375.00	\$ 415.00
Issue and Publication Fee	\$1,700.00	\$685.00	\$1,015.00

Total Fee Deficiency: \$2,208.00

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3. Payment of Deficiency Owed. Enclosed herewith is a credit card payment form PTO-2038 in the amount of \$2,208.00 representing the amount of the deficiency payments. If there is any fee deficiency, please charge Account No. 19-4516.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

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